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Camp Mott Richmond Va Sept 25th 62

My Dear Mother

Again I take my seat to reply to the many welcome letters I have received from you of late.

Nothing of interest has occurred here at Richmond since I last wrote to you, the last heard from the main body of our army in Maryland report it still at Frederick City, since then Gen Jackson has taken Harper's Ferry together with several thousand prisoners. The official dispatches to this effect have been received but from all we hear it is true without a doubt. I was very glad to hear that the South Western army are moving, they have now done anything of any consequence heretofore I hope during the coming winter they may regain the character they first had. I see army men look upon them as a set of no-account rascals much to our consumers. I honestly believe that if the campaign there had been conducted as well & successfully as it has been here that the success would have been for peace in now. All honor to the brave old troops comprising the army of the Potomac, Braves, better and more

gallant soldiers more lives, this was the first
to leave their homes to fight for liberty
many very many have never had the privilege
of seeing home or friends since they entered
the service, they have through overcame
with numbers, time again met the enemy
and routed them completely, and today they
bravely dare the enemy to fight them on their own
ground and nobly offer up their lives for their
country's liberty, What a contrast between
this and the South Western army, I dislike
to tell any, ~~body~~ he is coward, but I must
say that there are a great many in that body
the bravest and best of them would
give anything to get away from the
army, here, this I have from many and the
best of Authority,

Dick and Mr Grover arrived here on last
Wednesday, they were two weeks on the road
spent a day in Lynchburg and visited some
of the young ladies that we became acquainted
when we first came thro' there, they seemed
to have had a very pleasant visit at home
and do not appear to regret having to come
back, they leave in a few days to rejoin
their regiment, they brought the articles you
sent us safely, many thanks to you
for the nice things you sent us, the coats
shirts and other things are very nice,

I am afraid I troubled you too much
for somethings that I wrote for, I will not
need any winter clothes this winter as
I bought the material for a full uniform and
the cloth was (grey satinette from England) it cost
me \$17.50 and the making ~~trimmings~~, will
cost me about \$40.00, besides this I have the
suit I had last winter, so it will be as
much as I can possibly carry, so I will
not want any more clothing from home,
Willy Clark left here a few days ago
for his regiment, I hated to see him leave
but there was no help for it,

I have not heard from Cousin John L.
for some time, he was not reported as
hurt in the last battles, I am very glad
you are having Francis made, it is very
high and impossible to get a good article
here, I enclose an extra about the capture
of Harpers Ferry, published yesterday evening
I will write again in a few days,
Colonel and George both quite well. Love to
all friends & relations,

Goodbye Your Affec Son
Eamie Miller,



RICHMOND WHIG EXTRA.

RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 19, 1862.

THE CAPTURE OF HARPER'S FERRY!

CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORT OF THE
SURRENDER OF TEN THOUSAND
YANKEES!

ARTILLERY, AMMUNITION AND STORES!

BATTLE IN MARYLAND—THE CONFEDERATES VICTORIOUS!

FIVE THOUSAND YANKEES KILLED AND
WOUNDED!!

We are kindly permitted by Gov. Letcher to publish the following extracts from letters received by him yesterday :

WINCHESTER, Sept. 16.—After the advance of our army to Frederick, and the issuing of the admirable proclamation to the people of Maryland by Lee, a movement took place with our troops, seemingly in the direction of Pennsylvania, but really for an important movement into Virginia. After sending a portion of his troops to occupy and hold the Maryland Heights, Gen. Jackson was directed by Gen. Lee to recross the Potomac at Williamsport, take possession of Martinsburg, and then pass rapidly behind Harper's Ferry, that a capture might be effected of the garrison and stores known to be there. The movement was admirably conducted. Martinsburg fell, with a capture of 150 prisoners and some stores, the most being taken to the Ferry. The investment of Harper's Ferry was effected on Saturday. Sunday morning there was some firing, and it was renewed yesterday morning, and the result the un-

conditional surrender of the garrison—10,000 men, with all the arms, fifty pieces of artillery, ammunition, one hundred wagons, quartermaster and commissary stores, and many cars, some of which were loaded, and 600 negroes. This important conquest was effected *without the loss of a man on our side*. So much is official. It is reported that the cavalry, 1,000 in number, escaped by Shepherdstown.

It is reported that an engagement took place near Boonsboro'. It is said the enemy were repulsed twice, with a loss of 5,000 in killed and wounded. Our loss was heavy. Our troops fell back towards the Potomac from reasons that can be easily conjectured. Jackson will now recross the Potomac at Harper's Ferry, circumvent the enemy if he has had the temerity to follow our advanced corps, and we shall capture or disperse the whole concern. God grant that this conjecture may be verified. Gen. Garnett is certainly killed. His body arrived here this morning.

FRANCIS H. SMITH.

WINCHESTER, Sept. 16.—A fight took place Sunday at Middletown, Maryland, between a very heavy force of the enemy and Gen. D. H. Hill's division. The loss was great on each side. Hill, however, held his position until the advance of Longstreet arrived, when the enemy fell back. Gen. Garnett was killed. No other officer as yet reported killed or wounded. Yesterday the enemy at Harper's Ferry surrendered to the invincible Jackson at 3 P. M. They consisted of 10,000 infantry. Their cavalry escaped the night before, crossing the river at Shepherdstown. All of the stores left at the Ferry are now on the way here. They were but few, as they were nearly starved out. The force defeated by Hill were on their way to the relief of their friends at the Ferry.

NATH'L B. MEADE,

Editor of Republican.



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